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Dear Mr Brown,

Thank you for your request for access to *“documents which contain the following information:*

Information on Council of the EU engagement with and policy on Chinese information and communications technology firms in the period of 2019-2022.

This request covers:

Copies of internal working policy/position papers of the Council of the EU and the representatives of Member States outlining proposed policies - EU regulations and directives - pertaining to market access and operation of information and communications technology firms of Chinese (PRC) origin, particularly those involved with the provision of 5G communications technology, infrastructure, and services.

Communications to the Council by third parties (corporations, industry representatives, lobby groups/firms, public interest groups) outlining their positions with respect to any aspect of EU policy/law on 5G communications technology and security.

Internal Council meetings (minutes and reports thereof) regarding the above policy issues.

Meetings (minutes and reports thereof) between Council officials (defined as any individual employed directly or indirectly by the Council and its associated EU bodies/offices) and representatives of Chinese firms.

Specifically, by 'Chinese information and communications technology firms', I refer to the broad category of technology firms that originate in the People's Republic of China, including but not limited to: Huawei, Miteno, MXSoft, Ningbo Orient Wires & Cables, OTEC Technology, QuantumCTek, Shangang, Shenzhen Friendcom Technology Development, World Telecom Satellite, Yak, Zhizyun, and ZTE.”¹

¹ The General Secretariat of the Council has examined your request on the basis of the applicable rules: Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43) and the specific

After having checked with the relevant services, it appears that the General Secretariat of the Council does not hold documents corresponding to your request.

Yours sincerely,

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provisions concerning public access to Council documents set out in Annex II to the Council's Rules of Procedure (Council Decision No 2009/937/EU, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35).